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VPS HAS CONSIDERED VARIOUS OPTIONS FOR ADMINISTRATION PROPOSED SEMINAR AND INDICATES IT FEELS WASHINGTON (SPONSORED BY MHI) WOULD BE BEST PLACE FOR SEMINAR BECAUSE OF AVAILABILITY SPEAKERS AND THE DIFFICULTY IN FINDING INDIVIDUALS IN UNIVERSITIES WHO CAN DEVOTE THE CONSIDERABLE TIME REQUIRED FOR PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT THE SEMINAR AND OFTEN EXPENSIVE UNIVERSITY OVERHEAD COSTS. MHI PROPOSES FOLLOWING AGENDA AND POSSIBLE SPEAKERS:

- U.S. FEDERAL SYSTEM - THREE BRANCHES - (DAVID BRODER,
- COLUMNIST/OR/STEPHEN WAYNE, POL. SCI. PROF. GWU/
- OR/ROBERT HITLIN, GOVT. PROF., GEORGETOWN)

- ELECTORAL PROCESS - CAUCESES, PRIMARIES CONVENTIONS,
- ELECTORAL COLLEGE - (RICHARD SCAMMON, DIR.
- ELECTIONS RESEARCH CTR./OR/JACK GERMOND, WASH.
- CORRESPONDENT, GANNETT NEWS)

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- GEORGE WILL, COLUMNIST/OR/BEN WATTENBERG, CO-
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- U.S.-LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS - (RIORDAN ROETT,
- DIR., L.A. STUDIES, SAIS/OR/JOHN J. BAILEY,
- GOVT. PROF., GEORGETOWN)

CAPITOL HILL TOUR AND LUNCHEON WITH SPEAKER (POSSIBLY ROBERT PACKWOOD OR LAWTON CHILES), WHITE HOUSE TOUR, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTRY COURTHOUSE, STATE DEPARTMENT DESK OFFICER, GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY FOR DISCUSSION WITH STUDENTS TAKING COURSE IN U.S.-MEXICAN RELATIONS, REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEES.

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TENTATIVE DATE: APRIL 3 TO 13 OR 14.

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